

burned and destroyed. No words can describe the abject poverty which prevails. Aged men, women and children begged that I give them alms. I do not exaggerate when I say that thousands accosted me and my companions, and pulled at our coat-tails and tugged at our elbows asking and begging for a couple of groshen. Several of the leading men of the town who accompanied us deplored the terrible poverty, and merely said that they were helpless to do anything. There is a spot in the center of the town which must once have been a garden. I saw there hundreds of persons standing idle. "Do you see those people?" said a Jew, who was accompanying us. "They are living corpses; they have no means to live, and have not the strength to die. Colomea has always had a great many poor—but now we are all poor. There is no way of earning a kronen. Everything is unbelievably dear, and many are simply dying from sheer starvation." "Have you received no help?" I asked. "Yes, we have; but it is not sufficient. Such help is not enough. Give us the opportunity to work and earn. Send us goods, material, machinery, tools; send us things which will help all these unfortunates to get back on their feet, and then you will have done something for us."

"A few more kronen—even a few hundred thousand—are of little use. It amounts to a few kronen for each poor person—but that is gone in a few days—and again he must go about the streets, begging for charity. You can understand that these alms reduce us others to our last groshen. We do what we can—are you in America doing what you can? We realize that you in America have your own troubles. We also know that it is first to God, and then to you Americans, that we Eastern European Jews owe our lives. But you must help us further, help us in a more practical way. Our salvation can come from you alone. It will never again be here as it was. I believe that thousands will emigrate; but many will have to remain here; and you in America must be the ones to help them."

These words picture the situation. It is even more tragic than anything which can be said about it. In Roumania, Bessarabia and Bukowina, the Jews live in suffering and in want—the wretchedness and poverty of Colomea and other sections of Eastern Galicia have no equal anywhere.

NEW YORK ZIONISTS CELEBRATE DR. NORDEAU'S SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The seventieth anniversary of Dr. Max Nordeau, the veteran Zionist leader, was celebrated by the New York Zionists at a mass meeting held Thursday evening, November 27th, at the Washington Irving High School, New York City. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Nordeau Zionist Society, of which Dr. Nordeau is Honorary President.

About eight hundred of the leading and most active Zionists of New York were present. The meeting was opened by Mr. Samuel Blitz, Director of the New York Zionist Bureau, and a member of the Nordeau Zionist Society. In his opening remarks he expressed the satisfaction of the Nordeau Zionist Society for the privilege extended it by the Zionists of America to arrange the only Nordeau celebration held in this country on a large

scale. Dr. Nordeau, he stated, came into the Movement at a time when Herzl's ideas were still regarded as a dream, and it was he, because of his reputation as a journalist and his world-wide fame as a social philosopher, who was largely instrumental in commanding the attention of the world to the Zionist Movement. He also stated that efforts were made by Cable to secure a message from Dr. Nordeau, but he had left Madrid and could not be reached. Mr. Blitz introduced Prof. Richard Gottheil as the chairman of the evening.

Prof. Gottheil, who is a personal and intimate friend of Dr. Nordeau, spoke at length upon his many years' acquaintance with Dr. Nordeau and dwelt upon Dr. Nordeau's many qualities. He read a letter which he had recently received from Dr. Nordeau.

Prof. Gottheil introduced the first speaker, Dr. Stephen S. Wise. The latter was enthusiastically received. Dr. Wise emphasized the greatness of Dr. Nordeau as a Zionist leader. He brought out the fact that Dr. Nordeau is very modest and was always willing to be second in command, and to deny himself the honor of being designated as the official leader. He was always busy doing work and had no time to call attention to himself and to his leadership. Dr. Wise stated that it is to be regretted that the Movement is now deprived of Dr. Nordeau's counsel and leadership and that Dr. Nordeau's presence in Palestine at this time would have been much more desirable to others whose tact and diplomacy was altogether questionable.

Others, speakers of the evening, were Jacob deHaas, Abraham Goldberg, Reuben Brainin, and Louis Lipky. The speakers related many personal reminiscences which they had experienced with Dr. Nordeau during the Congresses.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Samuel Caplan, the president of the Nordeau Zionist Society, presented the following resolution:

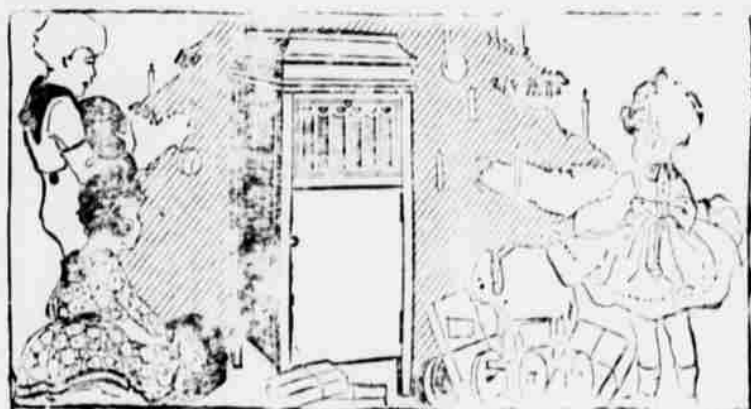
"The Zionists of New York, in meeting assembled to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of Dr. Max Nordeau, send their greetings to the

Grand Old Master of the Zionist Movement and express their ardent hope that he may live to see his people rejuvenated and settled upon the free soil of their National Homeland

in Palestine."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The general English press paid considerable attention to the meeting.



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